



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, and it is in the best interest of Idahoans to work together with the government, and local resources to prevent pregnancies among adolescents; and

WHEREAS, local organizations are making a difference in the teen pregnancy rate in Idaho every year; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 1,000,000 adolescent girls become pregnant in the United States, include 2,789 in the state of Idaho in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's teens face limited resources when dealing with an unwanted pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the most current statistics for the state of Idaho from 1997 cite 2,368 live births to adolescents, and children of young women who become pregnant under the age of twenty experienced higher rates of low birth weight, inadequate prenatal care and infant death; and

WHEREAS, one in five young women in Idaho will become pregnant by the age of twenty, and 27.5% of those will become pregnant a second time within two years; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans who are concerned about the teens of this state want to promote and provide as many prevention resources as possible for our youth; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all Idahoans to work together in the promotion of abstinence, responsible behaviors and the delayed onset of sexual activity in an effort to prevent pregnancy among the adolescents of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May, 2002, to be

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

in Idaho, and encourage Idahoans to recognize the reality of unintended teen pregnancy and the resulting social, moral and fiscal impact on our state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE